

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RELICENSING OF THE OROVILLE FACILITIES
CULTURAL RESOURCES WORK GROUP
NOVEMBER 2003 UPDATE**

The last Cultural Resources Work Group meeting was held at Mooretown Rancheria on October 21, 2003. At that meeting, it was agreed that summaries of activities conducted during November would be distributed to the CRWG in a monthly update in lieu of holding a regular meeting. This document provides that summary and fulfills the obligations of Action Item #C65, as identified in the meeting notes posted for the October CRWG meeting.

The December CRWG meeting, tentatively scheduled for December 9, 2003, has been cancelled. A monthly update of activities conducted during December will be supplied in its place. The next CRWG meeting will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at a location to be determined.

Study Plan C-2 Update

Evaluation of historic-era sites began in early November; the program began with evaluation of a gold-mining site. The Historical Resources Evaluation Plan calls for evaluation of approximately 35 sites (minimum). Fieldwork will continue throughout the winter, weather permitting.

Evaluation of historic structures, including the hydroelectric facility, began in November as well.

The ethnographic team is continuing evaluation of ethnographic sites.

Maidu Advisory Council Update

On November 5, 2003, the Maidu Advisory Council met for the first time since July 2003. The meeting began with a review of minutes from the previous meeting in July. Attendees were then provided with an update on the cultural resources fieldwork (see above).

The agenda was brief. The group discussed resource actions being developed by the CRWG, and also the need for Maidu monitors at sites with Native American components during the evaluation fieldwork.

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2003.